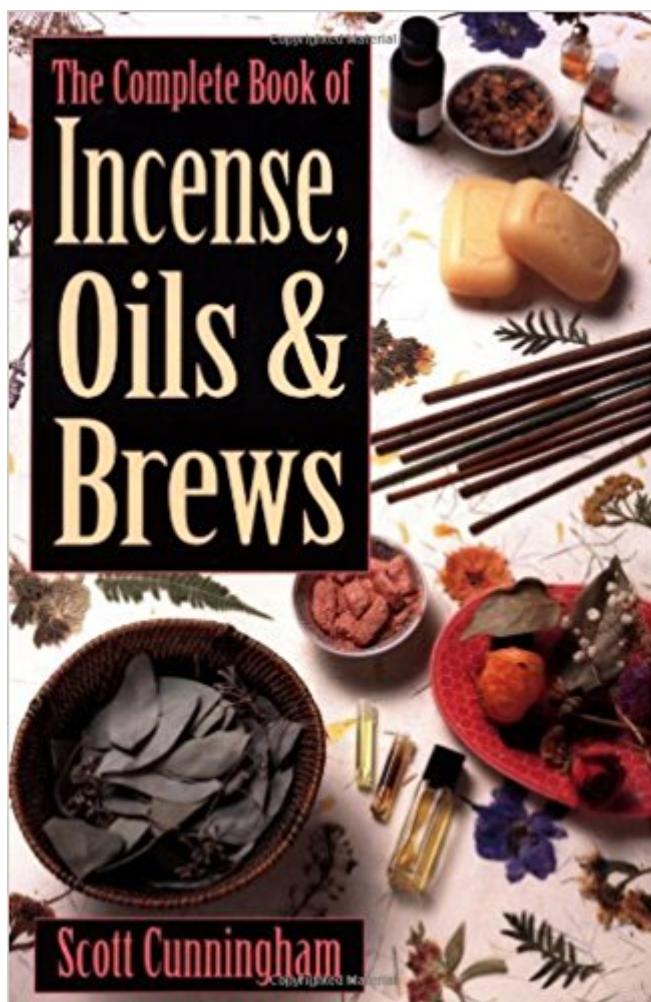


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# The Complete Book Of Incense, Oils And Brews (Llewellyn's Practical Magick)



## Synopsis

One of the secrets of real magic is that it is controlled by the mind. The more things in your ritual to help your mind associate with your goal, the more powerful your ritual may be. Colored candles, scented oils, natural incenses, and more all add to the impact of the magic you wish to do. But how do you know which incense to burn? Is it possible to add scented oils together to get a more powerful oil? And how do you make your own appropriately-scented tools? The answers to questions like these and hundreds more can be found in *The Complete Book of Incense, Oils and Brews* by world-famous author Scott Cunningham. This is a greatly expanded and rewritten version of *The Magic of Incenses, Oils and Brews*. It includes over 100 new formulas, proportions for each element of the recipes (the most requested feature from his previous book), how to substitute ingredients, and much more. Besides the formulas, it also includes the exact methods of making all of these scented tools, including how to extract the essences from the herbs. Each one of the formulas in this magic book is precise and easy to make. Do you need luck? Take 2 parts vetivert, 2 parts allspice, 1 part nutmeg, and 1 part calamus, grind them together as finely as possible, then sprinkle the powder in a circle around you, beginning and ending in the East and moving clockwise. Sit within this circle and absorb the powder's energies. Also included are other ways to use magical powders that will have you coming up with your own ideas for them, too. There is a legion of recipes for incenses. There are three for the sun and two for consecrating talismans. There are incenses for each of the astrological signs and ones to help you study better and gain success. You'll also find incenses for each of the planetary influences. There are four for Saturn alone! This compendium of magical lore is a vital tool for every magical person on any magical path, whether you are a beginner or an expert.

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## Customer Reviews

I still often think of Scott Cunningham. His contributions to the occult make him one of the most important spiritual people of the last century. His books on Wicca have gently, lovingly, and thoroughly introduced more people to Witchcraft than just about anyone else. But while Wicca was his spiritual path, it was natural magic that revealed his deep understanding and broad knowledge of herbs and their magical powers. His books on these subjects have become the de facto sources for all sorts of magical people. Already, *The Complete Book of Incense, Oils & Brews* (an expanded and rewritten version of *The Magic of Incenses, Oils and Brews*) is owned by over 150,000 readers. You should own it, too. Today, there are two major trends in magic: natural and ceremonial. They have different methodologies to get the same results. Neither is better, they are just different. The "best" one is whatever you can successfully use. But there is an interesting thing about these two systems: They both use incenses; they both use scented oils; they both use scented baths and magical teas. That makes this book applicable to any system of magic you may follow! Besides giving the formulas for hundreds of the scented magical tools, Scott also reveals how you can easily make substitutions in the formulas. In this way, even if you are out of a particular herb to use as you compound your own incenses, oils, powders, and so forth, you will still be able to make magic. Yes, you will find recipes for scents to use when doing magic for initiations, love, exorcisms, money, health, talismans, elemental energies, astrological energies and for many of the goddesses and gods. But by studying this book you will be able to develop your own, unique recipes and formulas. You will understand how these herbs really work. And that, my friends, is real magic!

Scott Cunningham practiced magic actively for over twenty years. He was the author of more than fifty books covering both fiction and non-fiction subject matter; sixteen of his titles are published by Llewellyn Publications. Scott's books reflect a broad range of interests within the New Age sphere, where he was very highly regarded. He passed from this life on March 28, 1993, after a long illness.

I can see where some people may be upset with the title change, although in the listing it does say it's published by Llewellyn (the most well known metaphysical publisher) and their Practical Magick

publishing circuit, no less. That being said, I liked this book as a beginner book, but there were some things I really did not like. The wide variety of recipes in this book are wonderful. I enjoy a lot of the folklore mixed in and ancient recipes, however, ancient recipes can only go so far considering most of their ingredients may have never existed or are impossible to obtain now. Even throughout the book, Cunningham's commentary notes that some of the ingredients he doesn't know what they are, and then proceeds to give an alternative suggestion. It's great that there's a substitution chart in a later chapter, but I shouldn't have to be replacing ingredients in a recipe that even the author himself doesn't know what it is or how to obtain it. That is incredibly frustrating and a waste of time. The recipes I have been able to try have been good, and the quick references I can make without having to make substitutions are great. Another concern is that some of these "ancient" recipes are actually toxic and to the uninformed reader, that can be highly dangerous.

It's very outdated but still useful. I would have thought that since this was a new updated edition that there would be well updates to the outdated material. Like for example; the author tells us there is no viable way to extract lotus flower, so all lotus extract on the market is fake. This is not true, maybe ten to twenty years ago it was true, but here in 2017 there are many extractions of lotus flower available. I own an absolute and co2 extract. Little things like this annoy me in this book. Other than the outdated material, I did find useful info in this book. There are a lot of recipes for incense. I especially liked reading about the ghost/spirit conjuring incense! I won't be making and burning it anytime soon, lol, but I enjoyed reading about this ancient incense. Overall good book, as Scott Cunningham books usually are!

I LOVE THIS BOOK! There is many different types of recipes and what they can be used for this book is very simple and only gives the basic but it's really self explanatory. This book itself is really good for people that are starting to create their own type of incense and oils and how they can brew stuff like tincture and teas. The packaging for this product was simple it was covered by a white piece of paper and was shipped in a brown envelope. I would recommend buying! This book is amazing!

This book changes your life. Okay, well it was exactly what I was looking for at least. As a creative crafter and DIYer, this was the ULTIMATE guide book. I already love Cunningham and agree with his views completely. He has a way of writing that draws me in. He thinks about all the details you may have forgotten or goes over the basics in a simple way for those new to Wicca. The artwork included in the book is gorgeous and I feel the need to color them as they look like coloring pages to

me. He includes warning lists and an extensive list of substitutions in addition to thousands of suggested recipes. He believes in giving guidelines, as it is up to the user to determine what they believe is "right." If you're even remotely interested in crafting oils, tinctures, herbal baths, and soaps in the slightest ... pick this book up! You won't be sorry.

I love this book, and I held off buying it until in my college course on Herbalism , I had a chapter on making emollients and other types of balms and healing agents and I needed to learn the basic fatty acids essential in these healing properties and also some of the other oils used in some of the herbal supplements... This book compacts everything down into an easy to understand and read, at your fingertips method of finding something that everyone can understand. I am very happy with it.

Finally a book that explains in simple terms how to make oils, incense, and things for the herbal magician. I'm not a big fan of Wicca, but this is an aspect that I could definitely get into. Thank you.

I've been a fan of Scott Cunningham for a while and I never gave this book much thought, thinking all the info can be googled, but I was wrong.I have learned sooo much from this book that I'm bummed I didn't get it sooner in my path.

What can I say about Scott Cunningham that has not already been said, Scott as usual has written a book the masses no matter what their spiritual path can understand and use to elevate their magic, I own quite a few of his books and is never disappointed with the info contained within. you are going to learn incense, oils and brews regardless if your a neophyte or an advanced adept. Scott certainly left a wealth of knowledge to us on these paths, his legacy is his great books in which he gave so unselfishly of himself and his talents.

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